Remarks

The Examiner indicates that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, specifically, requiring cancellation of non-elected claims. In response to this, non-elected claims 7-13 have now been cancelled. Applicants emphasize that this is without prejudice to their rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the subject matter of these claims.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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